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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/31/2006 (RCE).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/15/2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1-18 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leung (US PAT 6195705) in view of Warriar et al. (US PAT 6707809), hereinafter referred to as Warriar.

In regards to claims 1 and 14 Leung teaches a method/means for providing mobility within a network (figure 2a) comprising the steps of: transferring an anchor point (figure 2a, element 8, router/Home Agent HA1) comprising setting up another anchor point (figure 2a, element 21, router/Home Agent HA2) and transmitting an OSPF link state advertisement at predetermined intervals (column 13 lines 14-21 and lines 39-41, to negotiate with one another for the statuses of active and standby Mobility Agents, the Mobility Agents send hello messages. Hello messages notify other routers/Mobility Agents in the network that a particular router is operational in the system. The format of such hello message is generally similar to that of the hello messages used in protocols

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such as OSPF. Both active and standby Mobility Agents issue periodic hello messages to let the other routers/Mobility Agents on the network know their statuses).

Leung does not explicitly teach deleting anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends.

Warrior in the same field of endeavor teaches deleting (column 7 lines 6-18, the mobility binding record at the home agent is also deleted) anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends (column 7 lines 6-18, After the data session is over, the mobile node disconnects from the foreign agent and transitions to an idle state, indicated at 78. After a predetermined period of time, the life timers for the mobile node expire at the foreign agent, the home agent control node and the home agent. In the foreign agent, the visitor list entry for the mobile node is deleted, the PPP link is disconnected, and the IP tunnel to the home agent is destroyed, as indicated at 80. The mobility binding record at the home agent control node is marked idle, as indicated at 82. Finally, the mobility binding record at the home agent is also deleted and the IP tunnel information to the foreign agent is also deleted).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung's system/method by incorporating the steps of deleting anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends as taught by Warrior. The motivation is that such deletion enables the network to conserve resources/memory for further usage at future time; thus making the network more efficient in terms of resource allocation.

In regards to claims 6 and 15 Leung teaches deactivating resources associated with anchor point and initializing another anchor point (column 20, lines 59-67, if the active Mobility Agent decides on its own to relinquish its role as active Mobility Agent, it will also issue a resign message. Regardless, of the circumstances under which the resign message is issued, a router/Mobility Agent in the listen state receiving such message starts its active and standby timers and transitions to the speak state. A router in the speak state starts its active timer. Finally, a Mobility Agent in the standby state clears its active timer and transitions to the active state).

In regards to claims 7 and 16 Leung teaches changing intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted (column 15 lines 54-56, when an active Mobility Agent stops sending hello messages, the standby Mobility Agent will take over after the hold time expires).

3. Claims 2, 3, 8-13, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leung in view of Warrior as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of Moy (OSPF Version 2, Request for Comments: 1583, March 1994).

In regards to claim 3 Leung teaches a remote terminal apparatus (figure 2a, element 8, router/Home Agent HA1) for providing mobility within a network (figure 2a) comprising: a component (figure 3, master central processing unit (CPU) 362) adapted to transfer an anchor point (figure 2a, element 8, router/Home Agent HA1) that sets up another anchor point (figure 2a, element 21, router/Home Agent HA2) and transmits advertisements at predetermined intervals (column 13 lines 14-21 and lines 39-41, to

negotiate with one another for the statuses of active and standby Mobility Agents, the Mobility Agents send hello messages. Hello messages notify other routers/Mobility Agents in the network that a particular router is operational in the system. The format of such hello message is generally similar to that of the hello messages used in protocols such as OSPF. Both active and standby Mobility Agents issue periodic hello messages to let the other routers/Mobility Agents on the network know their statuses); wherein advertisements indicate that packets having a destination IP address equal to that of the IP address of said remote terminal should be delivered to said remote terminal (column 11 lines 16-17, a home address specifying the IP address of the Mobile Node). In regards to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 17 and 18 Leung teaches sending an ARP message informing entities that all packets with a destination address of said anchor point may be sent to an address of another anchor point (column 23 lines 1-10, if the active Home Agent receives a packet from a corresponding node or Foreign Agent and decides that the optimal route is through the standby Home Agent, the active Home Agent could, under normal circumstances, send redirect instructions (an ICMP redirect packet) to the corresponding node. This would tell the corresponding node to use the standby Home Agent, and the node would then issue an ARP request for the standby Home Agent's primary address. Thereafter the corresponding node would route packets through the standby Home Agent and would use the real standby Home Agent MAC address (as opposed to the group virtual MAC address)). In regards to claims 9, 10, 11, 13 and 18 Leung teaches deactivating resources associated with anchor point; initializing said another access point (column 20, lines 59-67, if the active Mobility Agent decides on its

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own to relinquish its role as active Mobility Agent, it will also issue a resign message. Regardless, of the circumstances under which the resign message is issued, a router/Mobility Agent in the listen state receiving such message starts its active and standby timers and transitions to the speak state. A router in the speak state starts its active timer. Finally, a Mobility Agent in the standby state clears its active timer and transitions to the active state); changing intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted (column 15 lines 54-56, when an active Mobility Agent stops sending hello messages, the standby Mobility Agent will take over after the hold time expires),

In regards to claim 3, Leung does not explicitly teach deleting anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends.

In regards to claim 3, Warrior in the same field of endeavor teaches deleting (column 7 lines 6-18, the mobility binding record at the home agent is also deleted) anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends (column 7 lines 6-18, After the data session is over, the mobile node disconnects from the foreign agent and transitions to an idle state, indicated at 78. After a predetermined period of time, the life timers for the mobile node expire at the foreign agent, the home agent control node and the home agent. In the foreign agent, the visitor list entry for the mobile node is deleted, the PPP link is disconnected, and the IP tunnel to the home agent is destroyed, as indicated at 80. The mobility binding record at the home agent control node is marked idle, as indicated at 82. Finally, the mobility binding record at the home agent is also deleted and the IP tunnel information to the foreign agent is also deleted).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung's system/method by incorporating the steps of deleting anchor point each time a session between an access terminal and the network ends as taught by Warriar. The motivation is that such deletion enables the network to conserve resources/memory for further usage at future time; thus making the network more efficient in terms of resource allocation.

In regards to claims 2 and 3 Leung and Warriar do not explicitly teach the age field of advertisements are lower than a maximum age.

In regards to claims 2 and 3 Moy in the same field of endeavor teaches a link advertisement contains an age field ("LS age field" -- page 60 section 12.1.1 LS age) that is set to a value lower than the maximum age page 60 section 12.1.1 LS age: the age of a link state advertisement is never incremented past MaxAge).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung's apparatus by incorporating age related fields in advertisement packets as taught by Moy. The motivation is that Moy recommends it in the rfc 1583 for possible standartization. It is advantageous to adapt to known standards for implementation of communication protocol for following reason: Companies actively involved in adhering to standards more frequently reap short- and long-term cost-savings and competitive benefits than those that do not. Standardization can lead to lower transaction costs in the economy as a whole, as well as to savings for individual businesses. Standards have a positive effect on the buying power of companies. Standards can help businesses avoid dependence on a single supplier because the

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availability of standards opens up the market. The result is a broader choice for businesses and increased competition among suppliers. Companies also have increased confidence in the quality and reliability of suppliers who use standards. In addition, standards are used by businesses to exert market pressure on companies further down the value chain, i.e., their clients. Thus, businesses can use standards to broaden their potential markets

In regards to claim 2 Leung and Warriar do not explicitly teach the advertisement contains a low cost associated with the routing of packets having a destination IP address of remote system.

In regards to claim 2 Moy in the same field of endeavor teaches the advertisement contains a low (Page 18 section 3.5 – the cost of the route is the minimum cost to any of the networks falling in the specified range) cost (Section 9 page 35, Interface output cost(s): The cost of sending a data packet on the interface, expressed in the link state metric) associated with the routing of packets having a destination IP address of remote system (Section 9 page 35, IP interface address: The IP address associated with the interface. This appears as the IP source address in all routing protocol packets originated over this interface).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung and Warriar's apparatus by incorporating age related fields in advertisement packets as taught by Moy. The motivation is that Moy recommends it in the rfc 1583 for possible standartization. It is advantageous to adapt to known standards for implementation of communication protocol for following reason:

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Companies actively involved in adhering to standards more frequently reap short- and long-term cost-savings and competitive benefits than those that do not. Standardization can lead to lower transaction costs in the economy as a whole, as well as to savings for individual businesses. Standards have a positive effect on the buying power of companies. Standards can help businesses avoid dependence on a single supplier because the availability of standards opens up the market. The result is a broader choice for businesses and increased competition among suppliers. Companies also have increased confidence in the quality and reliability of suppliers who use standards. In addition, standards are used by businesses to exert market pressure on companies further down the value chain, i.e., their clients. Thus, businesses can use standards to broaden their potential markets

In regards to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 17 and 18 Leung and Warriar do not explicitly teach setting a first timer representing the maximum amount of time it should take for a low cost route to propagate throughout a network.

In regards to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 17 and 18 Moy in the same field of endeavor teaches setting a first timer representing the maximum amount of time it should take for a low cost route to propagate throughout a network (page 71 section 12.4.2, paragraph four, a router that has formerly been the Designated Router for a network, but is no longer, should flush the network links advertisement that it had previously originated. This advertisement is no longer used in the routing table calculation. It is flushed by prematurely incrementing the advertisement's age to MaxAge).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung and Warrier's apparatus by incorporating age related fields in advertisement packets as taught by Moy. The motivation is that Moy recommends it in the rfc 1583 for possible standartization. It is advantageous to adapt to known standards for implementation of communication protocol for following reason: Companies actively involved in adhering to standards more frequently reap short- and long-term cost-savings and competitive benefits than those that do not. Standardization can lead to lower transaction costs in the economy as a whole, as well as to savings for individual businesses. Standards have a positive effect on the buying power of companies. Standards can help businesses avoid dependence on a single supplier because the availability of standards opens up the market. The result is a broader choice for businesses and increased competition among suppliers. Companies also have increased confidence in the quality and reliability of suppliers who use standards. In addition, standards are used by businesses to exert market pressure on companies further down the value chain, i.e., their clients. Thus, businesses can use standards to broaden their potential markets

4. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leung in view of Warrier in view of Moy as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Saleh et al. (US PAT 6801496), hereinafter referred to as Saleh.

In regards to claim 4 Leung, Warrrier and Moy, teach link state advertisement being send at regular interval as described in the rejections of claim 3 above.

Leung, Warrrier and Moy do not explicitly teach a user interface that allows the intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted to be changed.

Saleh in the same field of endeavor teaches (column 8 lines 26-27) the interval between Hello transmissions is a configurable parameter that can be different for each link.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Leung, Warrrier and Moy's apparatus by incorporating interval timing parameter to be configurable as taught by Saleh. The motivation is that (as suggested by Saleh, column 8 lines 27-30) nodes are expected to use the HelloInterval parameters specified in their neighbor's Hello message. Such parameters when made configurable, makes the network more robust.

In regards to claim 5, Leung (in view of Warrrier and Moy) teaches advertisements are OSPF link state advertisements (Leung: column 13 lines 14-21 and lines 39-41, to negotiate with one another for the statuses of active and standby Mobility Agents, the Mobility Agents send hello messages. Hello messages notify other routers/Mobility Agents in the network that a particular router is operational in the system. The format of such hello message is generally similar to that of the hello messages used in protocols such as OSPF).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments see pages 7-11 of the Remarks section, filed 5/2/2006, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-18 under have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regards to claims 1 and 14 Applicant argues that the Home Agents of Leung are not anchor points. However, examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion as router/Home Agents can be thought of as anchor points.

In regards to claims 7 and 16 Applicant argues that Leung specifically teaches away from the standby Mobility Agent "changing intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted." However, Examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Leung does teach changing intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted (the default hello time is between about 1 and 3 seconds and the default hold time is between about 3 and 10 seconds, Line 16 column 13-15).

In regards to claim 3 Applicant argues that Leung does not indicate that packets having a destination IP address equal to that of the IP address of said remote terminal should be delivered to said remote terminal". However, examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion. Hello messages in OSPF do have ip address fields like "Designated IP address" and "Backup Designated IP address". In column 13 lines 14-21 and lines 39-41, Leung discloses "to negotiate with one another for the statuses of active and standby Mobility Agents, the Mobility Agents send hello messages....The format of such hello message is generally similar to that of the hello messages used in protocols such as OSPF".

In regards to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, 17 and 18 Applicant argues that Leung teaches away from "sending an ARP message informing entities that all packets with a destination address of said anchor point may be sent to an address of said another anchor point" as disclosed in claim 8, 9, 17 and 18 and "send an ARP message informing entities that all packets with a destination address of said anchor point may be sent to an address of said another anchor point" as disclosed in claims 12 and 13. However, examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion. In view of the present claim language, Leung teaches sending an ARP message informing entities that all packets with a destination address of said anchor point may be sent to an address of another anchor point (column 23 lines 1-10, if the active Home Agent receives a packet from a corresponding node or Foreign Agent and decides that the optimal route is through the standby Home Agent, the active Home Agent could, under normal circumstances, send redirect instructions (an ICMP redirect packet) to the corresponding node. This would tell the corresponding node to use the standby Home Agent, and the node would then issue an ARP request for the standby Home Agent's primary address. Thereafter the corresponding node would route packets through the standby Home Agent and would use the real standby Home Agent MAC address (as opposed to the group virtual MAC address)). In regards to claims 9, 10, 11, 13 and 18 Leung teaches deactivating resources associated with anchor point; initializing said another access point (column 20, lines 59-67, if the active Mobility Agent decides on its own to relinquish its role as active Mobility Agent, it will also issue a resign message. Regardless, of the circumstances under which the resign message is issued, a

router/Mobility Agent in the listen state receiving such message starts its active and standby timers and transitions to the speak state. A router in the speak state starts its active timer. Finally, a Mobility Agent in the standby state clears its active timer and transitions to the active state); changing intervals at which link advertisements are transmitted (column 15 lines 54-56, when an active Mobility Agent stops sending hello messages, the standby Mobility Agent will take over after the hold time expires),

Applicant further argues that flushing the network links advertisement by prematurely incrementing the advertisement's age to MaxAge is not "setting a first timer representing the maximum amount of time it should take for a low cost route to propagate throughout a network" as disclosed in claims 8, 9, 17 and 18, or "set a first timer representing the maximum amount of time it should take for a low cost route to propagate throughout a network" as disclosed in claims 12 and 13. However, examiner respectfully disagrees with this assertion. The present claim language is broad and in view of the broadest reasonable interpretation of this language, Moy does teach setting a first timer representing the maximum amount of time it should take for a low cost route to propagate throughout a network (page 71 section 12.4.2, paragraph four, a router that has formerly been the Designated Router for a network, but is no longer, should flush the network links advertisement that it had previously originated. This advertisement is no longer used in the routing table calculation. It is flushed by prematurely incrementing the advertisement's age to MaxAge). Moy in the same field of endeavor further discloses in page 18 section 3.5 – the cost of the route is the minimum cost to any of the networks falling in the specified range and in Section 9 page 35,

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Interface output cost(s): The cost of sending a data packet on the interface, expressed in the link state metric.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Salman Ahmed whose telephone number is (571)272-8307. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

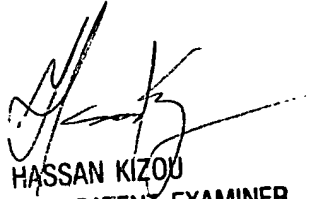
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